B-3419 - B-3426 425-301 E. Hamburg St. (South side) Baltimore, Md. Private access c.1845-1907

As with the 400 block of E. Cross St., this block of E. Hamburg St. is improved by a variety of house types, ranging in date over a broad span of years. 423-425 E. Hamburg St. is an unusual structure composed of a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and first and second story wooden front porches, set back from the street, joined to a small two story, two bay wide gable-roofed house of somewhat later date. Immediately to the west, at 419-421 E. Hamburg St. there is a pair of similar two story, gable-roofed houses, undoubtedly built contemporaneously with the first mentioned such house at 423 E. Hamburg St., probably in the early 1850's. Moving west, at 403-417 E. Hamburg St. there is a row of late Victorian style, two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1890's by Henry Wessel, owner of Wessel's Department store at Charles and Hamburg Streets. To the west of this late row, at 337 E. Hamburg St., is another unusual house set back somewhat from the street, with its end wall facing the street and its two story, gable-roofed facade with first and second floor wooden porches facing east onto a wid alleyway. 335 E. Hamburg St. is a two story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof built in the 1850's, quite similar to 419-423 E. Hamburg St. 329-333 E. Hamburg St. is a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built in the late 1840's. At the western end of the block, at 307-321 E. Hamburg St., there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal bracketed cornices, built in 1907 by Walter Hampson, and at 301-305 E. Hamburg St. there is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in 1890 by James F. Morgan.

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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story, four bay wide brick house with gable roof is quite unusual for the area, being set perpendicular to the street and with a two-tier open porch running the length of the house. The facade of the main portion of the house is now covered with formstone.

The house is two stories in height, with a main section four bays wide and two bays deep and with a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The house occupies a lot 32' wide and 132' deep. The roof is a low-pitched gable roof but comprises only the front half of the normal gable roof and is set perpendicular to the street. The roof slope suggests that the house as it now exists was originally the rear extension of a small, possibly frame, house located on the front on the lot on Hamburg St. The focus of the house has been changed, however, and the entrance is now located in the center of the side of the house. A deep, two-tier porch extends across the entrance side of the house. Four wooden posts, shaped like obelisks and decorated with appied quarter-round corner pieces with turned finials, support both the second floor porch and, at the second floor level, a projecting roof segment. On the first floor level the lower portions of these posts have been covered with formstone. Simple, flat-profiled balusters form the porch railing on both the first and second floor levels. Each obelisk-shaped post terminates in a simple Doric capital.

The first and second floor window openings facing on Hamburg St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The windows are filled with the original 2/2 sash. The window and door openings on the entrance side of the house currently show no lintels or sills because of the formstone covering, but the windows are filled with modern 6/6 sash. There is a multi-light door, flanked by multi-light side lights in the central bay of both the first and second floors. The rear addition is contructed in common bond and the windows have common arch lintels and brick header sills. These windows are also filled with the original 2/2 sash. There is a single hooded chimney located along the west side of the main section of the house and another hooded chimney located at the south-west corner of the rear addition. The wooden front porch is reached by two stone steps and in addition to the central front door there is another, modern jalousie door located in the north end wall of the rear addition, at the south end of the porch.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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_1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
_1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This unusual house has acquired local significance as being the headquarters of General Butler when he commanded Federal Hill during the Civil War for the Union troops. The house seems to have been built by Philip Kirkwood on land leased to him by George C. Addison in 1851. The house remained in the Kirkwood family until 1902.2

 $^{^{1}}$ Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 77, Folio 400

²Ibid., Liber RO 1972, Folio 79

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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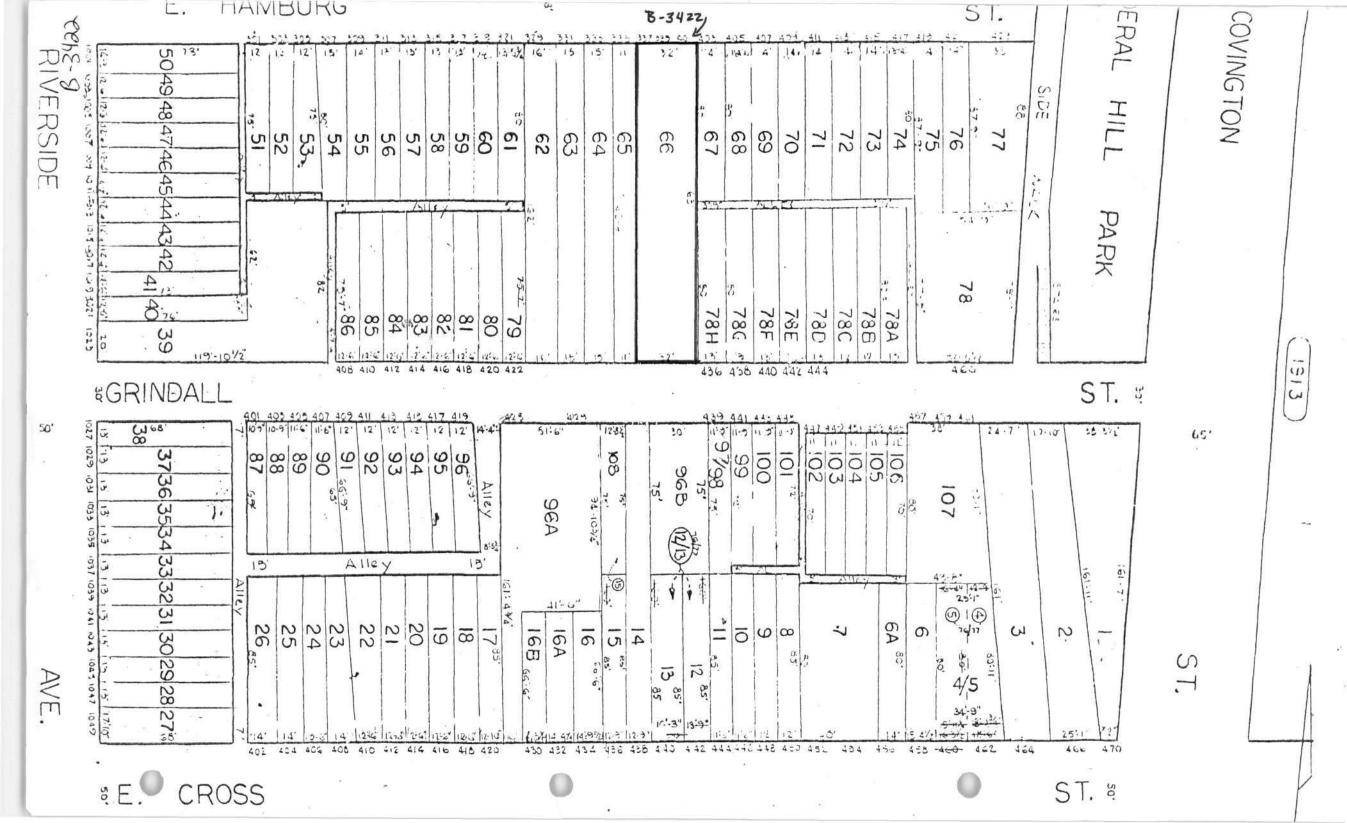
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